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# Edgington-Bott Named Supt. at Woodward Resource Center

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – Marsha Edgington-Bott, a veteran administer of services for people with intellectual disabilities in Iowa, has been named Superintendent of the Woodward Resource Center.

“Marsha is a distinguished leader in providing exceptional and individualized care at the institutional level, and she is one of our state’s leading experts in finding ways to provide the same level of care at the community level as well,” said Charles Krogmeier, Director of the Iowa Department of Human Services.

The DHS administers the Woodward facility, where Edgington-Bott has been interim superintendent since former Supt. Jim Finch accepted a position in Tennessee in February.

At Woodward, Krogmeier said Edgington-Bott was one of the leaders instrumental in bringing the facility into compliance with U.S. Department of Justice civil rights standards in recent years.

She is also the main designer of a crisis response program that helps parents and community providers manage serious behavioral problems of people with disabilities.

The program, called the Iowa Program Assistance Response Team, consists of teams of experts who conduct three-day trainings on topics such as how to develop behavior support plans for preventing challenging behaviors.

During her five years at Woodward, Edgington-Bott has directed the divisions of quality management and habitation services, along with numerous specialized treatment programs.

About 200 people with intellectual disabilities live at Woodward. The population there, and at the larger sister institution in Glenwood, has been steadily declining in recent years as community resources have been developed for clients who prefer to live closer to home.

Prior to her Woodward experience, Edgington-Bott held leadership positions at the Mosaic, Bethpage, and Martin Luther Homes Consolidated in Des Moines for two years. She also worked at several other homes for people with disabilities.

Edgington-Bott will start her new duties immediately. Her salary is \$117,000.

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